

12. (original) The wiper blade assembly as claimed in claim 10, wherein the claw portion covers an entire bottom surface of the elastic support member.

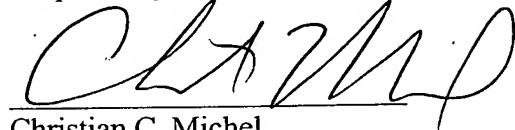
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 3, 4, and 7-12 will be pending.

It is noted with appreciation that the Examiner allowed claims 7-12, and indicated that claims 3 and 4/3/1 were allowable but rejected as dependent on rejected base claims. By the amendment, claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 have been canceled. Claim 3 has been amended to incorporate the elements of the rejected base claim. Claim 4 has been amended to depend from claim 3 only. Accordingly, claims 3 and 4 are now allowable.

In view of the above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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